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1. THE UNIDAD POPULAR (U.P.) ISSUED A COMMUNIQUE, BROADCAST THE AFTERNOON OF 22 OCTOBER ON [REDACTED] RADIO, SETTING FORTH ITS POSITION IN REGARD TO THE ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION OF GENERAL RENE SCHNEIDER, COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF THE ARMY, ON 22 OCTOBER. COMMUNIQUE CONTAINS FOLLOWING MAIN POINTS: A) REPUDIATION OF ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT; B) ACCUSATION OF RIGHTIST RESPONSIBILITY, SUPPORTED BY FOREIGN ELEMENTS, FOR THE ACT; C) CONDEMNATION OF ACT AS ANTI-PATRIOTIC; D) AFFIRMATION OF U.P. FAITH IN THE DEMOCRATIC PROCESS IN CHILE; AND E) APPEAL TO U.P. FOLLOWERS TO REMAIN ALERT AS PROBLEMS LIKELY TO INCREASE DURING NEXT FEW DAYS.

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2. LATEST BULLETIN INDICATES THAT GENERAL SCHNEIDER'S CONDITION IS CRITICAL AND THAT ANOTHER OPERATION WILL BEGINS IMMEDIATELY.

3. RADIO ANNOUNCED THE APPOINTMENT OF GENERAL (R) EMILIO C H E Y R E AS THE NEW CHIEF OF THE DEPARTMENT OF INVESTIGATION (INVESTIGACIONES). A RADIO BROADCAST ALSO REPORTED THAT SOCIALIST EDUARDO P A R E D E S, ALLENDE'S PERSONAL PHYSICIAN, HAD BEEN NAMED SUB-DIRECTOR OF INVESTIGACIONES. COMMENT: CHEYRE, WHO HAD BEEN SERVING AS INTELLIGENCE COORDINATOR FOR PRESIDENT F R E I, IS A RESPECTED ARMY OFFICER WHO ENJOYED WIDESPREAD MILITARY SUPPORT DURING HIS ACTIVE DUTY SERVICE. PAREDES' APPOINTMENT HAS NOT BEEN CONFIRMED BY SUBSEQUENT NEWSCASTS.)

4. PRESIDENT FREI IS SCHEDULED TO SPEAK TO THE NATION OVER THE CADENA NACIONAL (NATIONWIDE HOOK-UP)

5. SANTIAGO IS QUIET, BUT THERE APPEARS TO BE A TENSENESS IN THE AIR AND GENERAL EXPECTATION OF ADDITIONAL DEVELOPMENTS

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